



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 286

HOUSE BILL NO. 1221

By Representatives Towns, Hardaway, Parkinson

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 656

By Senator Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37 and Title 49, relative to child sexual abuse occurring while under the care or supervision of a public school.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3102, is amended by adding the following language as new, appropriately designated subsections:

() If a child who attends a public school is the suspected victim of child sexual abuse as defined in § 37-1-602(a)(3) and the abuse occurred while the child was under the supervision or care of the school, then the school shall make reasonable accommodations to separate the alleged victim of child sexual abuse from the alleged perpetrator.

() If available and appropriate, the local school board shall, upon request by the parent of the child, reassign a child who attends a public school and is the victim of child sexual abuse as defined in § 37-1-602(a)(3) when:

(1) The abuse occurred while the child was under the supervision or care of the school; and

(2) The perpetrator of the abuse is:

(A) Substantiated by the department of children's services;

(B) Adjudicated by a juvenile court to have committed the child sexual abuse; or

(C) Criminally charged.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 16, 2015



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 26th day of April 2015



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR